Auction sales of arrack shops.

*1508 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) in which districts, auction sales of arrack shops have recently been held;

(b) whether the rentals have increased in all districts or gone down anywhere; and

(c) what is the percentage of increase or decrease in each of the districts?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Auction sales of arrack shops for the lease of 1930–31 have been completed in the districts of Madras, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, the Nilgiris and Salem. The results of the sales in these districts are given below:—

Districts.	Rentals (annual). 1930–31.	Rentals (annual). 1929–30.	Percentage of increase or decrease.
	RS.	RS.	PER CENT.
Madras	7,22,400	7,37,760	— 2
Ramnad	1,75,260	1,87,020	— 6
Tinnevelly	2,69,148	2,98,788	— 10
Nilgiris	2,51,400	2,16,660	+ 16
Salem	2,22,924	2,08,344	+ 7

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know when the sale of arrack shops is expected to be finished in other districts?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The sales are now going on and they will be finished before the end of March."

Regulation of the sale of liquor in clubs.

*1509 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action Government have taken or contemplate taking to enforce the section in the Abkari Amendment Act of 1929 (passed on my Bill) regarding the regulation of the sale of liquor in clubs?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Medical

Appointment of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

*1510 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the officers who held the post of Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras during the last six years;

(b) the period for which each such officer held office;

(c) the average term for which a Surgeon-General held the post during the years prior to the six years mentioned above;

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint a new officer; and

(e) whether the Local Government have any voice in filling up the post of the Surgeon-General?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) About two years and four months. (Ten officers held the post between 11th October 1899 and 9th May 1923).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The power of appointment rests with the Governor-General in Council. The Local Government is consulted before the appointment is made.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know why the Local Government have not considered any scheme of appointing the local Indian Medical Service officers as Surgeon-General ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Because they are far below in the list."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"They may be promoted by selection though not by seniority."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is no supplemental question."

Public Health

Appointment of propagandists by the South Arcot Temperance Committee

*1511 Q.—Mr. K. RAMACHANDRA PADAYACHI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many propagandists the South Arcot Temperance Committee have appointed for the district ;

(*b*) to what communities they belong ;

(*c*) whether any propagandists have been appointed from the classes addicted to drinking ; and

(*d*) why no propagandist has been appointed from the Padayachi community and the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes ?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) A statement [b] showing the information is laid on the table. The Chairman, District Propaganda Committee, South Arcot, reports that applications for appointments as pracharakas were not received from persons belonging to the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes.

Registration

Promotion of clerks as Sub-Registrars in the Registration department.

*1512 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any principles or rules govern the promotion of clerks as lower grade Sub-Registrars in the Registration department, and if so what they are, and whether the same will be laid on the table of the House ?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 399 infra. [b] Printed as Appendix III on pages 399-400 infra.